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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS SEIZURE ON TUG IN SATTAHIP PORT

1. ON AFTERNOON OF JUNE 19 THAINAVY AND CUSTOMS PERSONNEL SEIZED WHAT HAS BEEN INITIALLY REPORTED AS TWO KILOS OF COCAINE AND SIX SMALL PLASTIC BAGS OF PEYOTE ON BOARD A PANAMANIAN REGISTERED TUG AT SATTAHIP PORT. AN ADDITIONAL KILO OF THE " COCAINE" WAS LATER DISCOVERED AND THE TUG HAS BEEN IMPOUNDED PENDING FURTHER SEARCH.
2. LABORATORY ANALYSIS HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED ON THE " COCAINE" SEIZED, BUT BASED ON LATER REPORTS THAT IT APPEARED DARK IN COLOR, SUBSTANCE MAY BE SMOKING OPIUM INSTEAD. THE VESSEL CARRIES AN ALL- THAI CREW AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO ARRESTS SO FAR. FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ANALYSIS OF BOTH SUBSTANCES WILL FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE.
3. THE TUG, NINA A, HAS BEEN USED BY THAI MARITIME, A THAI GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION, TO HAUL AMMUNITION BARGES TO CAMBODIA UNDER U. S. MILITARY CONTRACT. HOWEVER, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SUBSTANCES SEIZED AND US PERSONNEL.

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4. BNDD BANGKOK QUESTIONS EXISTENCE OF COCAINE
AND PEYOTE IN THIS SEIZURE.
RECOMMEND NO CREDENCE THIS REPORT UNTIL TYPE OF
NARCOTIC OR DRUG OR SUBSTANCE SEIZED HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.
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